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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

BOCKO ET AL

Examiner

Shamim Ahmed

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4,5,11-14 and 16-37 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-10 and 38-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group 1, claims 1-18 and 38-41 in which species B including the claims 1-3,6-10, 12-15 and 38-41 in the reply filed on 9/14/05 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that all the species claims are dependent on independent claim 1, which should be identified as generic claim. This is found persuasive but all the species are patentable distinct.

Therefore, claims 4-5,11-14,16-18 (non-elected species) and 19-37 are withdrawn as non-elected invention.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tatsuta et al (US 2002/0135728).

Tatsuta et al disclose a display device including a display substrate of thin glass plate, non-alkali glass plate each of which is less than 1 mm in thickness on a plastic support substrate (paragraphs 0004 and 0006).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 1-3, 15 and 38-41 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tatsuta et al (US 2002/0135728) in view of Waters et al (4,925,708).

Tatsuta et al disclose above in the paragraph 3 but fail to explicitly show liquid crystal material disposed between first and second display substrate.

However, it would have been obvious to have a liquid crystal display device with the claimed structure as evidenced by Waters et al.

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Waters et al shows upper and lower boundary layers of 511 and 512 of transparent layer and liquid crystal material is disposed in between the two transparent layer (col.13, lines 27-39).

As to claim 39, at least one of the display substrate having color filter would have been obvious design choice to an ordinary skilled in the art, according to the type of the device to be made.

7. Claims 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tatsuta et al (US 2002/0135728) in view of WO 02/096577.

Tatsuta et al disclose above in the paragraph 3 but fail to teach the supporting substrate is recyclable glass.

However, in a method of making liquid crystal device, WO 02/096577 teaches the use of recyclable glass substrate for reducing processing cost as well as reducing environmental load (see the abstract).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art at the time of claimed invention to combine WO 02/096577's teaching into Tatsuta et al's product for reducing the environmental load as taught by WO 02/096577.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Klausmann et al (6,887,733) and Kong et al (6,815,239) disclose the use of glass cover having a thickness less than 0.4 mm used in display devices.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shamim Ahmed whose telephone number is (571) 272-1457. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thu (7:00-5:30) Every Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nadine G. Norton can be reached on (571) 272-1465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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